To: Governor Nathan Deal, Early Bright start Leaders, Jordan Vocational High School principal, Hannah Elementary Principal, State Superintendent and District Superintendent

From: Christopher Brunson

Re: One-on-One Tutoring

The One-on-One tutorial program will help younger children pick up the skills that have been lost due to the budget cuts for pre-k funding. As education funding is being cut, a lot of educational programs are being phased out. Due to the lack of funding high school teachers as well as elementary teachers are seeing numerous amounts of students with skill levels way below their grade level. The cuts majorly affect students and how successful they will be in life. Many elementary, middle, and high school teachers are complaining about students reaching them and the fact that some individuals do not have the basic skills needed to move on to the next grade level. Researchers have seen where the addition of the Georgia pre-K program added in 1993 has shown higher retention rates, less incarceration rates and more successful individuals in the community. The Georgia pre-K program has really taken a major blow because of the lack of funding. I propose that students in grades 9-12 volunteer a few hours a week tutoring children ages 4-6 in math and reading.

The mission of One-on-One tutoring is helping others to help others! The Muscogee County mission statement is that the district takes on the responsibility of being committed to providing educational experiences that will enable each student to become a lifelong learner and enter the workforce with necessary skills and achieve potential. High school students will volunteer 3 hours a week in a pre-k classroom and this will be placed on their resume and if completed they will be provided with a half credit to go toward their goal of graduation. This program will also help high school age students to have volunteer hours when trying to enter college and help them to become more involved in the community. Students ages 4-6 will be provided with help in improving reading, math skills and also homework. The elementary students will receive important tutoring and help in building their foundational learning skills.

This program allows high school students to make a difference in the community and become more involved in the community as well. The elementary students would probably look at the high school students as a role model. High school students will make sure that they are prepared with the necessary skills to teach the younger students and I believe that this will give the younger students a positive look at what their future will may entail. This program will help the high school students see the importance of having a quality education . The One-on-One tutoring program will help elementary students strive for excellence and will show them how they can be an asset to the community just as the high school pupils are an asset to them. The program will also help the elementary students gain the necessary skills that they are showing a lack of in many classrooms today. The lack of these skills show throughout their life and the One-on-One program will try to help improve them. High school students will work with pre-k teachers and form a curriculum or evaluation plan for each student that is tutored. Some students will require more help than others so those students should not be penalized to doing work that they have already mastered. Everyone will benefit because the younger students will have help and the older students will be prepared to enter college which looks good on their resume.

The community will benefit because it would provide students with important skills to be a successful citizen and make a positive influence in the society. By Georgia Pre-K program being affected by budget cuts this will not touch the state mandated funds but still allow students to receive academic instruction.